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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: EMERGENCY EVACUATION

REF: A) STATE 107638 B) ADDIS 5657

1. WHEN CHARGE DISCUSSED EMERGENCY EVACUATION WITH ITALIAN AMBASSADOR SEBETTA SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, HE AGREED, AS INDICATED REF B, THAT POSSIBILITY OF EVACUATING ITALIANS BY AIR THROUGH US FACILITIES IN ADDITION TO EVACUATING ENTIRE AMERICAN COMMUNITY WAS VERY REMOTE INDEED. CHARGE INDICATED READINESS, HOWEVER, TO CONSULT WITH ITALIAN EMBASSY DURING EMERGENCY CONDITIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE ACTIONS. ONLY SPECIFIC REQUEST PUT BY THE AMBASSADOR SEBETTA WAS THAT EMBASSY SEEK RVOG AGREEMENT THAT ITALIAN EMBASSY COULD USE ITS FACILITIES TO CONTACT ITALIAN NATIONALS IN TIME OF GREAT EMERGENCY.

2. WHEN EMBASSY CONTACTED RVOG ON THIS MATTER, IT WAS TOLD THAT RVOG'S ORAL COMMITMENT TO MAKE RVOG AVAILABLE FOR US EMBASSY ANNOUNCEMENTS IN EMERGENCY STILL STOOD BUT THAT ANY REQUEST FOR USE BY ITALIANS WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. CHARGE INFORMED AMBASSADOR SEBETTA OF THIS AND OF HIS VIEW THAT IT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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APPROPRIATE FOR ITALIAN EMBASSY RATHER THAN US EMBASSY TO

SEEK AGREEMENT OF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. AMBASSADOR SEBETTA IMMEDIATELY AGREED.

3. WE BELIEVE WE CANNOT PERSUADE RVOG TO PROVIDE WHAT ITALIAN EMBASSY WANTS UNTIL MINISTRY OF INFORMATION HAS GIVEN ITS APPROVAL. IT APPEARS INAPPROPRIATE TO US FOR USG TO APPROACH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER ON BEHALF OF ITALIAN EMBASSY.

4. VOG'S AGREEMENT TO PERMIT AMERICAN USE ITS FACILITIES FOR EMERGENCY BROADCASTS WAS OBTAINED ORALLY IN SUMMER OF 1971, BUT HAS JUST BEEN RECONFIRMED BY NEW RVOG DIRECTOR LUNDGREN.
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